I wish the FCC and all these jumped up groups and Government's who are in the minority would stop trying to impose their stupid rules on the majority of the people like we are children, I wish the Governments of this world would go away for the next 5 years as we have enough laws, as these organizations and the Governments are only bringing out new laws and meddling with the internet to justify their existence , they have made the world a worst place to live in, not a better one, and if there is any unlawful actions being committed on the internet, the people on the internet inform the police and the police do their job and take perpetrators to court take who deal with the person committing any unlawful behavior online, so leave the internet alone and stop spying on innocent people as we are not supposed to be living in an Orwellian state or country, ban these unelected organizations and put these people in jobs where they can really make a difference and reduce the national debt that Britain and America are in as well as many other countries in this world, as for wars the UK have had many internal wars throughout history and the weak lost and the strong won, It's called natural selection and part of mankind's history, but us interfering in this balance of power because a country has oil just creates a bigger problem and sets that country on a path of chaos and anarchy, for decades, when in fact you had to have a nasty horrible evil person to keep the people in line, in the same way as the most ruthless people in America and Britain ruled their countries, we have gone through all that and come out the other end better for it, as we learned by our mistakes, so stop supplying weapons to these countries and let them learn by their mistakes, and tell them that, and as long as they leave us alone and stay within their own borders then that's how it should work, as the only people who should decide their own future is the majority of the people living in those countries, and when they have had enough they will rise up against the oppressors, in the same way as the Americans did with the British, and why the Government should listen to the majority of the people who use the internet, and stop the FCC proposed internet rules on Net Neutrality.
—Anthony Donovan, Glynneath,

It seems crazy that we're having this discussion at all. Taxpayer money created the Net. Must all of our public goods be put up for auction? Many of us, myself included, depend on the net for our livelihood. The notion of "fast lanes" vs. "slower lanes" with "fast lanes" available for purchase is both frightening and antithetical to the free flowing information the net currently facilitates.
—Thomas M Walker, Murray, UT

Tiered service plans are not an acceptable solution to the internet. Please reconsider your proposed internet rules as they will stifle competition and innovation on the internet.
—Kevin Wong, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is what keeps the architecture of the Web the way it is meant to be. Internet is now a universal way to communicate that must remain free and neutral. It is the only way it can be or the door will be wide open for control and abuse where anybody can be a victim. Please, consider the bigger picture and what your decisions can imply for the future.
—Jacynthe Touchette, Montreal,

the internet was not created for the corporations to make more many on our backs!
—Michael Balser, Telluride, CO

Protect our 1st Amendment rights and keep the internet neutral!
—Mr. Kevin J Beck, Florissant, MO

We cannot and should not hand over the Internet to big businesses and corporations. Your new plan does everything for large corporations and does absolutely nothing positive for the average citizen
—Robert V. Greene, Woodland Hills, CA

I believe that information and access to that information should not be contingent on what someone can afford. Allowing preferential (tiered) treatment by internet service providers will not only limit the consumer based on their financial means but also the sites spreading information. Limiting access will prove detrimental to creating or maintaining an informed and productive society.
—Zoe Redwoman, Seattle, WA

The discrimination against people and towards big corporations is so blatant in this attempt to have a two tiered internet! Stop this NOW!!!
—Adela Kunasz, Long Beach, CA

For economic, scientific and social advancement, the country and the world need a neutral Internet. Caving to the short-term profit motive of a handful of corporations would be unworthy of an agency whose mission is to "make available ... without discrimination ... rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide .... communication services with adequate facilities at reasonable charges." Please do the responsible thing: reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service and ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Alison K. Massa, Novato, CA

A free exchange of ideas is the foundation for growth in a society. The shameless attempts to control the web by the FCC is nothing more than greed at the expense of those you are supposed to work for. I truly wonder how you sleep at night. The web MUST remain neutral and open.
—Benjamin Money, Missoula, MT

Allowing internet providers to create various tiers of internet and silence content based on packages similar to cable would be devastating. The US is already far behind other countries in terms of internet infrastructure. Ending Net Neutrality would further handicap our nations online presence, but to what end? Lining the pockets of large corporations such as Comcast who would only further dial back our access and essentially end true free speech of the masses found on the internet. I only hope that you, the FCC, will protect the rights of the consumer and stop this corporate power grab.
—David Alan Wamprecht Jr., Fairfield, OH

The internet is a basic human right. It is the center of our society and our communication at this time. Allowing corporations to give themselves preferential access and bandwidth would be a crime against humanity.
—Gregory Rozeboom, St. Louis, MO

Our country is sinking into an oligarchy and one of the few ways left to fight it is the Internet. In between silly videos of sillier cats and the latest nonsense of who said what and who was offended by it, is real information absolutely vital to those of us who still give a damn about America. To sell that availability to the highest bidder is bring to fruition Thomas Jefferson's grim words that the American Revolution would fail when the moneyed interests ran the country instead of the people.
—Donna Wooten, Deltona, FL

seriously stop being ass hats
—Kimberly Moore, Purcell, OK

There is no equal to net neutrality: all have to have equal access to the internet, not just big corporations. Please keep the internet as it has been since it's inception: open and equal for all.
—Richard Kreidler, san francisco, CA

The internet is the greatest tools humanity has ever created for communication, to make the subject of restricting rules for the sole reason of making some profit (for anyone) is an attracting that should and is by many seen as halting the progress and evolution of our species and planet, you must do the right thing for humanity and keep net nutrality alive as well as preserve it by declaring it a public utility. Thank you
—Olivier, Toronto,

Dear Sirs and/or Madam's, Net Neutrality is extremely important to the health and vitality of our economy as well as the free access to information. The ability to access information freely & quickly, in light of our public libraries, slowly closing, is so important. To allow these large corporations to create a two-tiered Internet is only going to make these for profit companies wealthier and the general American citizen poorer in spirit, intelligence and financially. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Deborah Robinson, Penn Valley, CA

The Internet should not be controlled by and sold off to the highest bidders. There should be FREEDOM from the profit motive in this important utility.
—Nancy Thomas-Cote, Long Beach, CA

Access to information and data is essential to the development of entrepreneurial and innovative projects, and to the expansion of democratic discourse, and even, for sound economic development. Please support net neutrality
—Mark V Sullivan, east lansing, MI

Please leave the open internet the way it is and don't let big corporations charge more for faster internet.
—Christopher Wells, Boca Raton, FL

Net Neutrality is important for equality. We cannot allow the rich to travel faster on roads and we certainly cannot allow them to do business faster online.
—Andrew H Runyon, Oakland, CA

Internet Service Providers are in a struggle with actual web content producers to decide what consumers will see. Consumers MUST be able to decide what content they will see, without interference from middlemen. This means that ANY pressure from middlemen SHOULD be viewed with suspicion. So far Comcast, Verizon and their friends have repeatedly justified our suspicions, and shown that their actions can consistently be interpreted to be customer-hostile. The FCC CANNOT cave to the pressure of telcos. The FCC MUST let consumers be in the driver's seat. Do not give power to middlemen; the internet was never designed for them. Ground gained by middlemen is lost by consumers. Enhance and protect net neutrality.
—Guillaume Lessard, Louisville, CO

Stop Tom Wheeler and approve true net neutrality
—James Santee, Las vegas, NV

Dear FCC, The FCC must classify all internet service providers as common carriers. The internet belongs to the end users, not cronie politicians and corporations which have interests in profits over people. If America has any hope in becoming a prosporous nation as it once was, policies such as this must be abolished. Its simply just not fair.
—Cedric Wernicke, Whittier, CA

Please do not make the internet any more discriminatory towards poor people than it already is. Lower income people already face an uphill battle with everything being set up for the "Latest & Greatest" in computers & other expensive equipment for getting online. This new plan would push those people even further down. Net neutrality is the only way to make the playing field even.
—Etta Maillard, Fairbanks, AK

We need Net Neutrality. I do not want to see a 2-tiered system. The internet if for all of us to use. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Donna Etheridge, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is essential to me as I use the internet for my education
—Ashley Johnson, Taunton,

Net neutrality means protecting the people's access to a free and open internet. Do not allow corporate monopolies to tax, filter, slow down, or otherwise interfere with access to the web. Our world has taken enormous steps forward with regard to our access to knowledge, information, commerce, and communication. If you're going to allow de facto monopolies to exist in the telecommunications industry, then you have to treat the internet like the utility it is and protect our open access. Do not allow a few major companies to hold hostage one of the most important and innovative technologies the world has. The power company doesn't get to charge me a premium for the type of appliance I plug into my socket, the water company doesn't get to charge me a premium for the way I choose to use the water I pay for, why should the internet company be allowed to take advantage of us?
—Matt Winkler, Long Beach, CA

Please do not allow this to continue. Make the Internet neutral.
—JT Gaietto, Lakewood, CO

Net neutrality is absolutely necessary to maintain freedom of speech in our current world. Ending net neutrality means a major threat to commerce, small businesses, arts, education and services for the people. There is no moral justification for letting corporations own the internet.
—Alisa Sookne, Culver City, CA

The internet is a PUBLIC place where people can gather and share their thoughts and opinions. To let corporations take a stranglehold on the internet by taking away net neutrality would be unconstitutional and you should feel bad for even letting the thought that it would be okay to do so get into your mind! Do the right thing.
—David Oguni, Atlanta, GA

The Internet should be an equal platform that's free and open for everyone. Throw out this ludicrous proposed plan that would ruin the Internet.
—Brett Rooker, Kersey, PA

If you don't look out for the citizens, who is? Do not end net neutrality!! This is critical to keep the internet accessible for all!!
—Martha Badigian, Wakefield, RI

Net neutrality ensures our small businesses in the 21st century market to be a free place where everyone has an even playing field. Net neutrality also provides free flow of information and ideas by anyone, regardless of how much money they have. Don't create a tiered system of information lanes. Its bad for business, bad for freedom and bad for America.
—Peter C Warrintton, cambridge, MA

There should not be a two tier system whereby corporations can charge higher rates for decent service. This will hinder new startup companies which will stifle competition and innovation and will be passed on down the line to the general public who will have to pay higher prices for goods and services. This would also stifle a lot of independent news blogs, creative blogs of all types and independent political blogs. There needs to be a certain amount of freedom of information to advance society. Restrictions always hamper progress and lead to economic turndowns.
—Roslyn J Mac, Agoura Hills, CA

There is no one protecting Internet users from ISPs that block or discriminate against online content. Companies like AT&T, Time Warner Cable and Verizon will be able to block or slow down any website, application or service they like. And they'll be able to create tiered pricing structures with fast lanes for content providers and speakers who can afford the tolls — and slow lanes for everyone else. It's time for the new FCC leadership to correct the agency's past mistakes and reassert its clear authority over our nation's communications infrastructure. To preserve the open Internet, the FCC must reclassify the transmission component of broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service.
—Benjamin Croxton, Jacksonville, FL

Net Neutrality is important. Not only in general as a platform to insure the fairness of the transactions between ISPs and all web based entitys, but specifically as it pertains to my new startup that I feel is in grave danger of failing simply because we would not be able to afford the rates that big corporations will be able to pay to secure access to faster net traffic. Please vote in favor of Net Neutrality.
—Walid Gamaleldin, North Liberty, IA

Please throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be available for everyone to use, not just the wealthy. Your role as a government agency should be to serve the people of this country, not the greedy few that you indend to serve.
—Nathan Falat, Cedar Rapids, IA

Net neutrality is vital to maintain balance and growth in our world family. Why? Because it gives everyone equal access to markets and consumers. More specifically it creates the opportunity for global prosperity, which can significantly impact in a positive way the life of everyone on Earth. What grander goal is there - peace on Earth. You have the power to make a long sought after goal of mankind a reality. Do the right thing; go for net neutrality. We are right behind you when you take that course of action.
—Nadine Oliver, Fairfield, IA

We need to make the Internet function like the public utility it really is. We the people paid through our taxes for its establishment. We already pay more than any other advanced country to pay for our Internet Provider Services. We also rely on the Internet for the free flow of ideas. We need true net neutrality. Because of the Citizens United ruling of the Supreme Court more of our government has been turned over to big money. A free Internet may be the last bastion of our democracy.
—Patricia Egenberger, Modesto, CA

As the internet becomes ubiquitous in our lives and as we come to depend on it more and more. The need has arrived for it to be governed like any other utility. Please support internet neutrality by ruling that ISPs are common carriers. Americas internet businesses depend on open innovation and competition in the world market. Thank you.
—Brandon Michael Desnoyers, Bethlehem, PA

Do we actually have to spell it out for you? Do you realise what you're doing? Do you realise its implications for our future? DO YOU THINK IT DOESN'T MATTER??
—Nazish Talati, Karachi,

ISPs are common carriers, and net neutrality is what made the internet great, and what made the US a global leader. Ending net neutrality and creating paid internet bypass lanes would stifle innovation and easy, secure and affordable access to the internet for many.
—Dane McFarlane, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet has prospered for decades as a one-tier universal service. I fail to see how establishing a two- or multi-tiered Internet can have any benefit to the public. Certainly it would be financially rewarding to those who could afford to pay for higher quality service under such a plan, but government exists to benefit the people governed, NOT corporations. Keep the Internet user-neutral - everyone must have the same "playing field." To do otherwise is just wrong and I strongly oppose any plan that deviates from that criterion.
—Gary M. Gibson, Sackets Harbor, NY

Net Neutrality is important not just to me but all the people who use this medium. Because it is so widely used, I believe a fair and equal net is every users' right. To the FCC, please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks!
—Edward Marianukroh, New York, NY

Dear FCC, Please defend the policy that benefits the American people the most and not powerful companies. Net neutrality ensures that every citizen has equal access to the Internet and online content/media is not controlled by a few large companies like Comcast. It is vital in our present democracy that the Internet remains, as much as possible, equally accessible to all people and not unduly influenced by a few powerful interests. Thank you.
—Joseph P Ruggiero, Woodland, CA

What the fuck did you just fucking say about me, you little bitch? I'll have you know I graduated top of my class in the Navy Seals, and I've been involved in numerous secret raids on Al-Quaeda, and I have over 300 confirmed kills. I am trained in gorilla warfare and I'm the top sniper in the entire US armed forces. You are nothing to me but just another target. I will wipe you the fuck out with precision the likes of which has never been seen before on this Earth, mark my fucking words. You think you can get away with saying that shit to me over the Internet? Think again, fucker. As we speak I am contacting my secret network of spies across the USA and your IP is being traced right now so you better prepare for the storm, maggot. The storm that wipes out the pathetic little thing you call your life. You're fucking dead, kid. I can be anywhere, anytime, and I can kill you in over seven hundred ways, and that's just with my bare hands. Not only am I extensively trained in unarmed combat, but I have access to the entire arsenal of the United States Marine Corps and I will use it to its full extent to wipe your miserable ass off the face of the continent, you little shit. If only you could have known what unholy retribution your little "clever" comment was about to bring down upon you, maybe you would have held your fucking tongue. But you couldn't, you didn't, and now you're paying the price, you goddamn idiot. I will shit fury all over you and you will drown in it. You're fucking dead, kiddo.
—Wyatt Arent, Boise, ID

Net Neutrality must remain. It's just that simple. I haven't heard any good case for it not too, and the only ones wanting it are corporate groups who will use it to gain a monopoly on the industry.
—Conner Flansburg, Broken Arrow, OK

The FCC must ensure that the American people are protected from monopolies and that communications remain free from undue restriction.
—Michael J. McNeal, Denver, CO

Net neutrality is important to me because it is such a great places for learning and exchange of information. What we're able to do with the internet is only just starting and programs such as those proposed would limit it's advancement before it even got started.
—Alexander Schlosser, Boston, MA

The internet is a precious resource which needs to be free and unrestricted for all!
—Jim Cooney, Fresno, CA

I support a classification of common carrier. Either at the ISP level or, following the Mozilla proposal, at the relationship level between ISPs and service providers.
—Chris Williams, Fremont, CA

Dear FCC, Please change your policies to maintain Net Neutrality. Classifying companies that provide internet access should be categorized as Common Carriers. The internet has become the backbone of business, both personal and commercial. It does for information what the Interstate Highway system does for physical goods. It provides the foundation for the marketplace where our country's economy is transacted. To have a multi-tiered internet would be tantamount to turning the Interstate Highways into a system of toll roads. Such barriers to free commerce penalize small businesses and individual citizens/consumers more than they do established, large coporate institutions. Such barriers concentrate wealth into a smaller and smaller group of companies and lead to defacto monopolies. The internet, just as the Interstate Highway system, is part of our country's infrastructure that must remain open and available to all to keep our economy and country strong and democratic. Thank you for your time in reading this letter. Kevan Doyle
—Kevan Doyle, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows me and many others who work for small businesses and start-ups to have a job. Without NN, small businesses have little to no fighting chance against the billion dollar corporations that can afford life in the [internet] fast lane. Which seems sort of ironic, as NN was the reason these big companies (Google, Facebook) were able to get off the ground in the first place. If we want to see innovation continue in the US, and we want to hold on to our 1st amendment rights, we need to ensure that no one has say over what is and is not important on the internet. This is a right that belongs only to the individual user, NOT the ISPs.
—Tracy Lasseter, Portland, OR

Please - no two tiered Internet. The US needs to keep the Internet unburdened and open, especially considering all the other countries that want to 'fix' whatever they find offensive or not in their best interest. Stand for open and positive instead of joining the rest of the world's clamor for changes to the Internet.

—Landon E. Scism, Castle Hayne, NC

While it is a sad commentary on our nation that the Supreme Court elected to permit corporations to decide, based upon their subjective valuation and the paid influence of other corporate giants, what is available online and at what rate it will be made available, to whom and that they may stratify the freedom of information to varying degrees of cost to the consumer... it is sadder still that we must turn to the Federal government to regulate fair practices once again. THIS is most certainly one of the missions of the FCC. Exercise your responsibility and preserve neutrality and equanimity of internet service.

—Randall Hodgins, Portland, OR

Please do not approve tiered pricing on the Internet! It would create a split of "those who can afford speed and access" and "those who have to put up with the slower "dirt road" access." We need to catch up with the world in affordable, high speed Internet -- for everyone -- not just a few.

—Sharon Black, Erie, CO

Free and open access that isn't based on how much you can pay is the way the internet was designed to be. Equal access for all people! Corporate greed seems to drive the current restrictive approaches being put out there. Any censorship or government control of the web is a bad idea period!

—Mark, Oklahoma City, OK

I want a citizenry that bases decisions on love, not commercialism. I am tired of being marketed to, constantly, by those who have the biggest monopolies. I support net neutrality. Robin Collins

—Robin Collins, Boulder, CO

Please, stop this absurdity now!

—Rachel, Bowling Green, OH

The restrictions to access and ease of use resulting from the end of Net Neutrality (or even implementing highly-limited, sham version of Net Neutrality) will have huge waves of negative impact. It will create an internet that is no longer user-friendly to the vast majority of Americans, which will ultimately hurt the bottom line of many producers, suppliers, and manufacturers. Think of the millions of dollars of spending that Americans do online--think also of the millions of dollars invested by companies into creating ways to make online shopping more versatile, simpler, and accessible. Google Shopping is a wonderful example--now, a consumer need only enter their area code, and if they live in a deliverable area, they can shop for groceries, books, supplies, and much more, and Google Shopper sends their orders to their door. But slow loading speeds and shunted bandwidth will make the "quick and painless" part of online shopping null and void. Online shopping is just an example, only a small hunk of the iceberg. The fiscal ramifications of this will be widespread--not just for the millions of private individuals who use the internet in their home for entertainment, shopping, and communication--but for the large-scale corporations and entities who will quickly see their profits decreasing, and for businesses everywhere who will see decreased worker productivity as both a direct and indirect result of the end of Net Neutrality.

—Laura Dickinson-Turner, Modesto, CA

The internet should be free, with free access unrestricted by corporations using their power and influence and to charge us more and choke out competition. Please do the right thing and keep the internet open.

—Chandra Moore, Monroe, WA

I believe net neutrality is vital because: 1) the free flow of information is necessary to a vital democracy. 2) Small business websites would be extorted or squeezed out of visibility. 3) Exclusionary deals could block out certain content (e.g., Time-Warner with its own movie offerings might decided to ban Netfllix or ATT might block companies like Vonage who provide the same service at lower cost)

—Mr Alan G Crudden, Austin, TX

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. If there is a payment required for a faster internet "lane" it would greatly affect my endeavors to start my own business. It's already hard enough to start an independent business and the addition of trying to compete with major companies on the internet would inhibit many opportunities. Please keep net neutrality!
—Austin Durant, Long Beach, CA

Please stop pussy footing and give us some ACTUAL net neutrality rules that protect the internet. Stop being paid off by lobbyists, have you no shame? Disgusting.
—George Wong, San Francisco, CA

The internet is a resource that all should be allowed on interrupted use to.
—Chris Kirn, Philadelphia, PA

ISPs should charge fees based upon actual usage--like the selfsame ISP charges for analog services as telephones and faxes. It is bad enough users have to pay ISPs in advance for a graduated ceiling of service (with outrageous overage charges) without those ISPs having the ability to give greater speed to information providers who are able to pay higher rates. Where is the democracy is this? It is anti-competitive, filled with the potential for abuse, and would only provide greater profits to a group of companies that are providing a service that has now become as basic as electric/gas/water utilities. ISPs should be officially recognized for what they are--common carriers!! And be treated accordingly...
—Julia Shibla, River Edge, NJ

The Internet must allow free speech and remain fair to all the people in the world who use it. Many of us use the Internet as a superhighway of information for research and communication. We want the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. .
—Nicole Savage, San Francisco, CA

The backbone of freedom is the free flow of information. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Mr. Doug Nehler, Clarkston, WA

Freedom of information is one of the most critical elements of our success for the future. We must keep the internet protected from those that would use it to stifle opposing opinions.
—Dalton G Crosthwait, Oakland, CA

It is self-evident that there is no true broadband competition in most of the United States. The FCC's own research bears this out. Claims that DSL competes with cable are laughable outside areas served by fiber-to-the-node, and even within them still questionable at best given the bandwidth disparity in the technologies. Claiming satellite or fixed wireless provide real competition to wireline broadband in the era of Netflix and Hulu is similarly disingenuous. I still remember the era when the Baby Bells had to let different ISPs provide DSL service over their wires before the FCC's misguided decision to reclassify DSL as an Information Service instead of a Common Carrier. I got my service from Netcom and the service was great. As soon as SBC was allowed to lock out the other ISPs (i.e. as soon as the FCC made wire-owner synonymous with service provider) my connection got worse and more expensive. Funny how monopolies always (and predictably) act just like that. It's time to break the monopolies and end their anti-consumer rent-taking. Demanding payment from customers AND from the companies those already-paying customers want to receive data from is clearly double-dipping and wouldn't fly if ISPs couldn't treat their customers like their commodities. It's time for the FCC to undo all the damage it did a decade ago and acknowledge that data delivery is just as much a public utility as water, gas, and power. It's time to classify broadband providers as common carriers and make the internet service marketplace a truly competitive one again.
—Caleb Andrew Hunter, Kennesaw, GA

No! People need freedom from the constant monopolies that are plaguing our world.
—Christy Frazier, jacksonville, FL

A neutral internet is necessary to remain competitive globally and to maintain ourselves as a nation of innovators. The small amount of competition between ISPs has already given us an internet infrastructure that lags behind European standards and allowing for a large portion of traffic to be relegated to a poorly maintained, second class network will only worsen the problem. It also is unethical to allow for providers to charge both ends of the traffic for carrying. A packet is a packet and the fee should be standard. Classify them as Class II carriers like TelCos because their service is the same.

—Richard Garrett Key, New York, NY

The internet is the only way many of our citizens feel connected to the world. Their only means of empowerment. The two-tiered proposal would all but destroy this. Give the "little guys" a break by making ISP's common carriers. Thank You

—Joseph Kelly, Hatboro, PA

The internet was created FOR the people BY the people. The government of any country has no business changing this, especially any 'democratic' country.

—Steve Chahley, Bolton,

I will not stand idle while the internet get censored and taken over with men in suit who only care for money only and nothing else the internet is the last place for me of freedom if it's taken over then it's truely over for me and i'm a person who is very poor and i'm very lucky to live under a roof and i can't afford to lose not just internet freedom but also all my friends i met or keep in contact when they are far away i don't want business and politician run the internet it will never be the same ever again.

—Orlando, Camuy, PR

Net Neutrality protects the freedom of the exchange of ideas, of information, of speach. When you protect Net Nutrality you protect the intention of the founding fathers had when they created the constitution. Thank you for your time. Nicole M Mossey

—Nicole Mossey, Albany, NY

Net neutrality is a terrible idea. Please put an end to net neutrality.

—Kristi Ackels, Fairbanks, AK

When I search the net, I don't want to experience a censored search. That defeats the purpose of a broad search. I want the search to be based on relevance, not corporate monopolies. I will avoid Internet service providers that use a "fast" lane.

—Carol Taccetta, Newbury Park, CA

Stop this catastrophe now. Keep the net a NEUTRAL place! -Sincerely everyone who isn't a money whore.

—Zachary Lemm, Cork,

We need net neutrality to mantain a fair and equal access to the Internet for everyone

—Marshall Wegh, North Bellmore, NY

Net Neutrality is the Equal Access the issue of the 21st century. Just as telephone communication was an issue on that regard in the 20th century, we are now faced with the same issue with newer technology. There must be equal and uninterrupted access to the net without any hindrance or slowdown, as that will constitute a violation of Free Speech and Equal Access.

—Chris V Williamson, Astoria, NY

I support Net Neutrality, a free and open Internet! Net Neutrality is very important to me. I do not need a major fast lane that will be too expensive for the middle class and the poor. Many household Americans enjoy their online presence at home streaming Youtube and Netflix and other streaming platforms and people who enjoy their online gaming entertainment. I pick the American people side instead of greedy corporations and please support the voice of theAmerican people, not the greedy corporations. Thank you for your time considering my comments.

—Mr. Ryan Agee, MCKINNEY, TX

Do something substantial for our freedoms other than striping them of meaning slowly because of the dollar. The life of all we stand for is in your hands. ISPs are common carriers of our private information.
—Mr. Jesse Kumm, Seattle, WA

For people born after 1985, the Internet is a central part of our culture...and it's a vital public utility for everyone else. Don't let it be strangled by shortsighted greed.
—Alexandra Fresch, Denver, CO

Dear FCC, do not allow big corporations like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon to change the Internet rules for the rest of us!!! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers to keep the Internet fair & free of discrimination for all Americans!
—Erica Gagne, Cordova, TN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Aquananda Risenhoover, Playa Del Rey, CA

The internet is almost a basic need at this point, let's stop limiting it and take it out of the hands of large corporate monopoilies.
—Aaron Johnstone, ferndale, MI

I dont earn a lot and this would make everything on the internet that I use daily "locked" for me.. This would completely destroy the internet and it's purpose. DONT MAKE THIS GO THROUGH IT IS NOT GOOD IN ANY WAY
—Mads Winther, Vejen,

Hello. I would like to voice my displeasure over the decision to abolish net neutrality. I use the Internet for many things. This includes reading the news, viewing my local weather, playing games (computer or console), watching YouTube videos, viewing my e-mail, completing assignments for community college classes, and many other things. If you end up doing away with net neutrality, then you risk putting companies out of business because not everyone (myself included) can afford to pay extra for using certain websites. Not everyone can afford it. By putting this new rule in place, businesses will experience a huge loss of customers because they don't have enough money to use their services. That puts businesses at risk of being discontinued. Same goes for schools and colleges. Students and teachers all across the U.S. use the Internet to do research to complete homework and assignments. Enforcing this net neutrality law could very well prevent students from getting their work done because they can't afford to do research with the increase of money for using specific websites. This is very dangerous because if students aren't able to finish their work because of being unable to pay more for using certain services, then there's a big chance that they won't be able to get the proper education, which would not be able to be applied in the work force. We can't allow this to happen, especially in this day in age. Nobody wants this to happen. I am writing this on behalf of Americans everywhere to let you know that we don't want net neutrality to ever go away. It would be a disaster if that happens. Not everyone is made of money and not everyone is able to pay more for using services that they like or must use. Please, keep net neutrality. Thank you for your time.
—Doug Clay Jr., Sidney, OH

Chairman Wheeler - Please protect our Internet by supporting Net Neutrality. Lack of equal access to the information highway is dangerous to our democracy, allowing those with big money control over our freedom of speech. This is serious. Please do your part. Thank you.
—Linda Minor, San Rafael, CA

FCC, please see it as your mandate to protect the internet, and how it functions. Information flow should not be governed by those with a profit motive. It should be governed by a body with The People's interest at heart. Thank you for listening!
—Sam Phillips, Raleigh, NC

Anything but classifying internet as a common carrier is a humanity crisis. It is not up to us how information flows, that is why we keep calling ourselves a free society. If we move to this tiered system we will be sending a clear signal that we are completely disregarding the constitution.
—Evan Skov, Madison, WI

The current proposal will do nothing to prevent the Internet from breaking up into a series of public and private Internets. Because no Internet site should be given priority over another Internet site and because "commercial reasonableness" is a very weak standard for the FCC to adopt, the FCC should use its authority under Title II of the Communications Act to regulate broadband as a telecommunications service as the best way to protect the open Internet.
—Vincent LaMarca, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important because the internet is infrastructure, as surely as highways, our water supply and electricity are. ISPs and cable companies should be classed as common carriers, which is entirely appropriate for infrastructure. The proposed changes do not benefit consumers or citizens, and will only serve to further cripple the internet as a public resource. The USA is already far behind most other countries with availability and affordability of broadband; the loss of net neutrality will push us further down that list and put roadblocks in our ability to compete by stifling competition and innovation.
—A T. Sasaki, New York, NY

The Internet must remain free and open to all equally to allow the unconstrained flow of information, not controlled by greed-driven companies. The only way I see to do this is to classify ISP's as common carriers. The FCC should serve the people, not big companies.
—Dennis T Cook, Lansdale, PA

You've already failed to do your job of protecting our Free Speech by allowing our Fourth Estate to be liemongers motivated by nothing but profit and there own political agendas. You've sold our political process through Citizens United. For God's sake, have some shame and leave us our last vestige of freedom. Leave us some bit of the America we thought we lived in.
—Susan Muckey, Omaha, NE

Net neutrality is important because it maintains equal access for all online content. As an American consumer and citizen, it is my right to choose what content I want to read/view and not the decision of those who can pay top dollar.
—Anuradha Koli, Dallas, TX

Most of us use the internet for business as well as pleasure. We need to be able to access the same fast lane as everyone else without an ISP having the final say.
—Amanda P Mobley, Louisville, KY

Net Neutrality is important to me because, like equal telephone access, it is crucial to equal protection for all citizens. The internet has become just as indispensable as the telephone for citizens to communicate with each other, and to get information. We can't function as a healthy democracy if we can't access all the information we need. Without net neutrality, we would be deprived of many sources of information that we need in order to be informed voters, because many of the wealthiest companies would have an interest in only providing us information that promotes their interests; not ours as voters.
—Susan Courrejou, Salinas, CA

Discrimination of internet service is against an American's right of freedom in any form. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and discard the rules that create a two-tiered Internet.
—Nina, Palo Alto, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality is what makes the world great. The internet is like a giant library of information, and I feel that information needs to be available to every person, at a high speed for a low, reasonable price. The good, fast internet cannot and should not be saved just for the people of wealth. It doesn't make sense to create a big divide that reflects class and status around information and connection. Please do the right thing and protect the common man, who is curious about the world and doing research. My example is a personal one. I'm a full-time artist, and I wouldn't be able to afford paying a higher price for the fast fast speeds. I research dense material online, photos, archival video, and they take up a lot of bandwidth. I also communicate and send files to other artists via Dropbox, and it already takes some time to upload and share those bulky music files with my collaborator that lives in a different part of the county. These new rules would shift the way we could create art, and slow the entire process down. We would have to resort to shipping hard drives through the post, because as we are both artists, we couldn't afford the new fast options. Please do the right thing for the average American. Keep information and access to it neutral. Thank you.

—Ms. Allison Warden, Anchorage, AK

Reclassify and regulate Interent Service Providers so we can attain universal and equal access to this public space!

—Ed Petsche, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

We must preserve net neutrality. It is one of the few equalizers in a very skewed system of information delivery.

—Paul Chaleff, Ancramdale, NY

Net Neutrallity is very important to me. I pay for one of the premium internet packages(30mbs) from Mediacom and I pay for video services like Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu Plus. I don't think my video service providers should have to pay extra to internet providers for their videos to be in a fast lane, because they would just pass the cost on to me. Especially since I already pay Mediacom for faster download speeds. There shouldn't be a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow one for the rest of us. That's just un-American! Further more I will vote for politicians that support Net Neutrality in all up coming local, state and national elections until we have it.

—Kay Garriott, New Market, AL

I cannot explain how disappointed I am in the federal legislators who are cobbled together shlock like SOPA PIPA and now this, and this time around you don't even have the excuse of not understanding the material fully (which was soul crushing levels of discouraging last time around by the way). If you allow major corporations to monopolize the "internet fast-lane" by creating a fast-lane, everyone is going to suffer. In the long term, even the corporations who are fighting tooth and nail to get this pushed through will suffer. It will encourage stagnation instead of innovation, and will allow tech giants to wallow in their outdated ways, squeezing every dime out of their customers by sheer brute force. If you don't see this as a problem allow me to provide some examples. Imagine if Comcast, the owners Hulu, had the ability to restrict peoples access to services like Netflix or Amazon Prime or even YouTube on their networks. Imagine the corporate and technological innovation that could have been lost by pioneers like Netflix if they had crumpled because it's was impossible to break into the market with millions of people barely getting 54kb a second when trying to access their services. I could list half a dozen other similar examples off the top of my head, but the bottom line is that allowing companies like Comcast, DirectTV, and Verizon that kind of indomitable leverage over the market space in which they compete would be an apotheosis of everything wrong with our supposedly "free" market. I could (and in fact have) go on for pages about this, but I'll leave you with this. If you push this legislation through, I will send you a list of several hundred people whom I know personally who will never pay a cent to an major Cable and Internet company, vote for you, or anyone who supports you endeavors or the endeavors of said companies, and who will have lost another brick from the foundation of trust our government has worked hard to demolish over the past 15 years. Hell, I might just move to the Netherlands if that happens. With the utmost sincerely, William R. Gross Software Dev

—William Gross, Seattle, WA

Today's lifestyle/culture is very reliant on the internet. If the internet is crippled due to poorly planned legislation, the consequences will be dire.

—Clayton Dott, Delta,

Why would the government want to give a few companies all the power? It hurts the U.S. in the long run if start ups can't start up because they can't pay for the fast lane. Only the executives at the large ISP's benefit. Everyone else suffers
—Austin Murray, Urbana, IL

I support Net Neutrality - giving every user the same speed. This helps innovators like those who have brought us this far. Innovators start small.
—Martin Gardner, Venice, CA

The internet is a great gift we have given ourselves - a means to encourage the flow of information, ideas and, yes, business too. It's strength comes from equal opportunities of access. A tiered system will irrevocably undermine the internet's open function by favoring those with money over those without, even by allowing carriers to choose for ideological or other grounds who gets access and who gets shut out. No one is suggesting that ISPs shouldn't make money from their services. All we ask is that they make their money fairly. Net Neutrality is the best expression of this fairness, and I ask that you please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and discard the proposed internet rules. Thank you.
—Frederik Sisa, Los Angeles, CA

Internet access today is to this century what telephone access was to the last. And it should be treated as such. Please, reclassify broadband appropriately so that carriers cannot discriminate against competitors, or sites that may even express views that are against the carriers' political or even religious beliefs (thanks to the Hobby Lobby Supreme Court decision, you know it's only a matter of time before some company tries that one too). Please, for the sake of our thriving startup/technology sector-based economy (where much of America's wealth is being generated these days), do not bow to the cable/telecom lobbyists who do not represent The People.
—Daniel Sargent, Seattle, WA

The internet is already heavily moderated and full of mined advertising. Please don't funnel vision humanity because its already funnelled visioned enough.
—Peter Kelly, Cork,

The internet must remain COMPLETELY neutral.
—Maxwell Scroggins, Oceanside, CA

The internet is the future of society. We need to move forward, not backward. The Internet would not have become what it is today, and not have made the impact it has if it was controlled in the ways that are proposed. The United States is already behind the rest of the world in terms of Internet innovation. Please do not put us further behind in this race.
—Danny Bogue, Raleigh, NC

Chairman Tom, This rule directly affects my ability to work. It monopolizes the entire concept of the origins of the internet—sharing information. Without the ability to compete with my peers on an even playing field, this ruling would divide the successful from those wishing to advance their careers. This is America. The land of the free. Show the world that we don't discriminate! PLEASE THROW OUT THESE RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!
—Ronna, Lafayette, CO

Please protect net neutrality. Reclassifying may be the solution but Tom Wheeler's endorsement of the fast and slow laning is certainly not!
—Stuart Massie, Placentia, CA

Neutrality is important to me because I don't use the major internet web sites. I mostly use small nonprofit, personal and community based sites that cant pay the toll.
—Jack Johnson, Muskegon, MI

Everyone's freedom needs to be protected here. Small businesses, individuals, and communities would be discriminated against if this were to go into effect. Protect our internet!
—Ashley Clarke, Grand Rapids, MI

Net Freedom is one of the things that makes it great. Don't take away our right to share and learn.
—Emerian Rich, Concord, CA

Please throw out FCC Chairman's Tom Wheeler's proposal and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jacob Resneck, Petaluma, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Vance Reeser, Portland, OR

Stop thinking about lining your pockets and do your duty to this country and it's citizens. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and ensure net neutrality does not die, but thrives instead.
—Faisal Mian, Flushing, NY

You work for the people, yet you have been working against the best interests of the people. Corporations are NOT people and should have no rights and/or say in the creating of laws that the people have to follow. Net Neutrality = ISP Common Carriers. Freedom depends on information being equal and free to all. I pay already a high price and I don't deserve to have my sites censored or slowed down because their profits aren't larger than they already are. Open up all the fiber already laid and there is no problem
—Dave Jaeger, Frisco, TX

The internet is the only medium left that is not corporate controlled. Our government is for sale, and corporations are taking over. If there is no more net neutrality, the last bastion of hope is lost, and the takeover complete. Please allow the people to keep some sort of freedom in this "land of freedom."
—Jeffery Hicks, Milton, IN

Please throw out your old, unworkable, ineffective and insufficient rules and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. They have no business interfering with content or activity on the internet.
—Kevin Mayer, Groton, NY

Corporations have too much power already. Keep the internet an even playing field.
—Matthew Sorvillo, Las Vegas, NV

The people have the right to choose whether we want this crap or not. We can't have just one man who isn't that important to think he'll make a better life for us. He's an idiot and blind in thinking crap like that.
—Greg Witter, Goodyear, AZ

Allowing large corporations to rule the internet and police as they please is only asking for disaster. Listen to country when we all say no to Net Neutrality. Protect the citizens like you were originally meant to and censor acts in media, such as net neutrality, that will harm us.
—Caitlyn Gillette, Aurora, CO

America needs freedom of speech. Net neutrality is mandatory.
—Anna Berlinrut, Maplewood, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No two tiered internet!
—Wilma Nakamura, Kula, HI

Net neutrality is essential to free market economics and media innovation. Also, do large corporations really need yet another way to stifle the voice of independent media? They have that pretty well covered.
—Nathan Kuruna, Thanks, PA

Net neutrality is essential for the internet as we know it to live and grow. None of the services we depend on today would have developed without it.
—Eric Kramer, Cortland, NY

How can you let Large internet providers create two different type of internet traffic so they can make more of a profit? There is no other reason they just want more money. I suspect those that back the large internet providers are getting a kickback of some kind. Why else would they back the two-tiered internet. How is a two-tiered internet good for the public explain that.
—Wayne Dudones, Palos Heights, IL

There is too much in life where people who are less fortunate are unable to enjoy things that they should share equally with the more fortunate.This is discrimination pure and simple. Please protect internet neutrality
—Ann Naumann, stone ridge, NY

Please help us retain equal access to the internet for all citizens. This country doesn't need another gap between the rich and the poor.
—Kara Schlindwein, Brooklyn, NY

The internet should be treated in the same manner as cell phone communications.
—John Maylone, Tollhouse, CA

The internet is an incredible tool of free speech, education, networking, and human growth. To allow some sites to run better than others would severely limit traffic to sites run on small budgets, thus limiting exposure of many important resources. Furthermore, many sites that offer free content may have to start charging their users in order to keep up. Slowing the load-speed of some sites guarantees a lack of traffic and is essentially a death sentence to any website not run by a wealthy company. This will cause many to shut down websites with valuable content, and is, in effect, a sinister form of censorship. In an era when the internet has become so integral to all parts of our lives; from social networking, education, and even services like healthcare and banking, the government has a duty to it's people to provide this service in line with the values our country was founded upon: freedom and the individual pursuit of happiness. The American government was designed and intended to serve the people; however this new proposal that would establish fast and slow "lanes" of the internet is in the interest of a few, and in direct opposition with the principles by which our country was established. People with little to no access to internet are being denied a service that has become an intrinsic and necessary part of our daily lives. The internet allows people to look up waiting times for nearby emergency rooms, which reduces crowding and helps prioritize people in most need of instant emergency care. This is only one way in which access to the internet has become a public service and necessity. The ability to access these services is a human right. Likewise, the ability of individuals to create and display their own content is also a human right. Many entrepreneurs and small business owners run their entire business via online communication. Writers, artists, crafts people, lawyers among multitudes of others can run their entire business online. If these people were required to pay to gain traffic to their site, many individuals would not be able make a living doing what they love and pursuing their happiness. What right does the FCC have to close down the content of millions of individuals? And why should that right overwhelm the people's rights to services that enhance their lives?
—Arden Gabor, Woodland, CA

I believe this amounts to economic discrimination that would actually reflect poorly on the ISP's themselves.
—Johann Hippensteele, Billerica, MA

Mr. Wheeler, The FCC's job is to stand up for consumers, not corporations. If the new bills are passed, you will effectively destroy the internet and competition for business, creating monopolies so big and so powerful, every consumer and startup company will literally be at their mercy (and we all know, AT&T and Verizon have NO mercy). This is not good for business, this is only good for a few businesses who already dominate the market share. I emplore you to rethink this proposed bill, forget your previous job and take your new poaition seriously. You are in your position to ensure things like this DON'T happen. Re-classify internet (as you should have ages ago) and treat it as any other form of communications. Keep it fair, keep it even, and allow everyone the same access to it...not just those with deep pockets. Thank you for your consideration.
—William Bryan, Chapel Hill, NC

The internet should be treated like a 'utility'. Like telecommunications, it should fall under Title II of the Communications Act.
—Tyler Schacht, New Market, AL

I believe that net neutrality contributes to the betterment of all parts of modern society.
—Mrs. Thea Oatman, Grand Ledge, MI

Tom Wheeler- Lets make it clear. You must maintain net neutrality. The people of the world will not be suppressed or controlled by the likes of you and others. There must not be a two tiered-internet. The world is watching you. We have the power by numbers and collective thinking. You and the FCC back away from this PLAN NOW!!!!!!!
—Dean Powell, Cheadle,

FCC should really re-consider their stand on net-neutrality!!
—Apoorve Chhabra, MARLTON, NJ

Subject: Net Neutrality. Dear Mr. Wheeler and the Federal Communications Commission, I would just like to tell you what I believe in. I believe in the human, natural, kind side of human beings. Normally, in any given situation, humans, like other animals, will not be aggressive and will allow the other to live his or her life with dignity and space. Unfortunately our production oriented capitalist system aims to remove human values and elements from relations and decisions. The reality is that many people have become cynical and apathetic in the face of the fact that the power is in the hands of a small percentage of the population. People do not see or believe in democracy anymore. They expect hypocrisy and injustice and just try to stay away from politics, decision-making and activist groups. What people need is hope and the real information. They need to obtain correct information, not information manipulated and controlled by the big businesses and rich families' interests and funds. The only real place that people can connect in the way they see fit is through communicating with people and organizations that have the well-being of the people at heart. The general public are having enough problems with employment, debt, depression, health, generational gaps at work, etc. etc. They don't need yet another monkey-wrench to deal with. We are all doing just our best to survive in a system that is collapsing. The internet has become a daily tool. In Boston they even have a project where access to internet and charging stations are installed on park benches. We need to be able to access information that may not be popular with the controlling, profits-oriented multinationals. If this is a real democracy as you claim it is then all the people have a right to seek information and do their business using the internet. We already work hard at trying to manage our budgets to get out of debt and pay for necessary services and often pass up luxuries. Remember that many people making decisions in the government forget to keep the interests of the taxpayer at heart. Life will be more interesting if we are proactive and thing long-term with the goal of having health, water, food, shelter, education and a secure environment for all. If your plan were put into place it would let Internet service providers like Bell, Videotron, AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow lanes for those who cannot afford the fees. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Would you consider this to be democratic? I am advised by researchers who are defending net neutrality that your plan should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for this opportunity to give my comments.
—Paulette Lachance, Outremont,

Net neutrality is important because it provides the consumer with more choice on how to consume media. The archaich model as it stands is ISP providers, cell phone companies, and cable companies protesting innovation by monetizing the pipe line to better suit their purpose. Business models change; it's how you strategically adjust to stay relevant.
—Anthony Milo, middletown, NY

After the Court decision to strengthen corporate rights over individual rights, it is obvious that control of the internet would do more to discriminate against individual rights and freedom of information.This needs to stop, reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Michele Johnson, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

I am a technology teacher and single mother who has spent the last 15 years trying to get on my feet after some awful circumstances.I have always had two or three jobs and still, in this economy, find myself struggling. I owe the Internet my family's life so-to-speak. I was able to get a job in technology and get involved on so many levels because it was basically neutral. I was able to have access to many resources and was able to develop my school's technology program to the point of excellence.Schools have now become dependent on the internet for teaching/learning experiences and require student access at school and at home. It has become evident that more and more commerce, creativity, and education is accomplished online. I recently started a Web Design, Hosting and Media Company that depends on my ability to communicate, produce, upload and maintain media of all types for my clients. If I am limited to my access to certain resources, or say even my students or clients are limited, just because I can not afford to pay as much as bigger entities, I can not grow. This will limit free internet enterprise for the aspiring e- businessperson and have a drastic effect on our nation's education and economy in the long-run.
—Nancy Raskauskas, Bethany Beach, DE

Setting higher prices for greater speed and reliability on the Internet is the exact wrong direction for the Internet. If users need more speed and reliability then we need to be installing more and faster capacity. And if the private sector can't get that done, then the government needs to step in and do the job directly with publicly owned fiber that is equally available to everyone.
—John Fay, Santa Cruz, CA

Dear FCC - Reclassifying broadband / ISP's as common carriers is the only the only fair option to keep the internet unbiased and open for all users, business and personal both. Please step up and do your job for the interest of the people of this country and not bow down to the biggest of corporations.
—Mandee Fry, shoreline, WA

Why do I have in mind, an image of rich obsolete companies, sinking in the sands of time, grasping at anything with their greedy Lil clutches in attempts to maintain their stronghold and to keep from perishing. It's nice to know this country still holds opportunity for its citizens. Equal opportunity. ...
—Jesse Dalton, mosinee, WI

Unrestricted communication and access to information is what makes for an educated nation!
—Jennifer, Englewood, CO

Net neutrality is essential to a functioning democracy. Furthermore, it is morally and ethically wrong to allow any corporation to control what amounts to a public utility, built and developed with public funds.
—Christopher Pastorella, Boston, MA

Simply put, Net Neutrality means freedom. Everything on the internet is equal. Everybody's opinion is equally valid, even if you don't agree with it. Isn't that the definition of freedom of speech?
—Laslo K Tailor, Stamford, CT

In Europe, any mobile phone user can walk into any store and upgrade their phones or their carrier. Here, we have restrictive contracts, more expensive service and fewer options. Now, why would I want these people in control of my internet access? The beauty of the current open internet is that it's available to all, as it should be. And if you give those companies an inch, they think they're a ruler. Please support and protect net neutrality.
—Judith Shelby, Bellevue, WA

I feel that allowing the internet service providers to skim the cream of the bandwith, making them an even huger profit margin for their companies, would leave the rest of us with an unfair proportion of what is a public utility. The implications of the effect on content is also frightening. It will be as bad as corporations buying elections. Definitely NO!
—Virginia Ferrell, Charlottesville, VA

It is important to me to get world news, and different perspectives. Without access to a free internet, my assess will be limited. One of the sites I visit has already said that if the FCC goes along with it's plan it will be off the air. The Net must remain Neutral.
—Carl Skinner, Elmhurst, NY

The cost will go up for us. It works ok now why fix what is not broken. The little guy will get hosed again by Big Business.
—Michael Rubio, BLOOMINGTON, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is so incredibly important for me because I need sites like google and youtube for school. This could ruin the improvement of education all over the country. I also pay a lot for my internet, therefore I feel that I deserve to access any website on the internet that I wish to access. Sincerely yours, Dissappointed U.S. Citizen
—Mary Martha Ball, Cedar Mountain, NC

Please listen to the people on this issue. Keep the internet open and free!
—Shawn s Doyle, Elk River, MN

It seems that incompetency and self serving agendas reigns in washington and other locations where policies are made. Please do not allow Net Neutrality to end. THINK! When you do you too will see what little sense it makes.
—Db, Bradenton, FL

FCC, although you may have good intentions, there is nothing wrong with the way the internet works right now. As it currently is, the internet is an unprecedented source of entertainment and knowledge. To enact the legislation you are trying to pass will only hurt the internet, and thus human freedom and progress. Don't be a monster.
—Victor Rickswan, Whitmore Lake, MI

Just do it. Keep neutrality. The connectedness of the globe is changing the world for the better. This connectedness must be available to all and free of economic discrimination.
—Crystal Burgoyne, Keizer, OR

This isn't my first time writing so I hope you can catalog this with my more articulate messages regarding net neutrality. In just a few words, Net Neutrality is important, it is the reason the internet flourished for so many years. If you take it away you will hurt commerce, innovation and free thought. The mere notion that creating fast lanes will not in turn create slow lanes is unfathomable. I am a network engineer and have dealt with "Quality of Service" for years. You CANNOT speed up or prioritize traffic without slowing down or de-prioritizing other traffic. Nothing short of installing separate lines to every last mile customer will make this reality any less true. Since we already have a lack of last mile competition and very little build out of new faster infrastructure I would say your proposal is impossible. The only logical explanation for the current proposal is the complete lobbyist ownership of the FCC. Chairman Wheeler has earned absolutely no credibility since taking the post and every time he speaks on the issue it is clear that he is at the service of the lobby not the American people. It is not too late Mr. Wheeler, you can still, if you truly want to, make this right. Please make a good choice, keep the internet a free and open place for ideas, innovation and business for small, medium and large players.
—Corey Hines, Minneapolis, MN

Keep your hands off the internet! You've already missed the boat on putting the screws to us when it started - and corporations do not need anymore incentives for anything. In fact, if we took some of those incentives away, maybe they'd start operating like they should. I'm completely against this plan.
—Nancy Staack, Altadena, CA

As an independent artist who wants to share her work online, net neutrality is fiercely important to me. Without it my means of sharing work and making a living will be crushed.
—Andrea K Haid, San Francisco, CA

I can go on and on about the importance of net neutrality, but why not just take it from Lloyd Kaufman? It's all summed up here. An important issue for free speech to consider fo…: http://youtu.be/GXEtJG6GWKM
—Jason Spore, Warsaw, IN

Do not take away the basic public service that the internet provides! Do not let this country tumble further into the millionaires' pockets!
—Merethe Walther, Stone Mountain, GA

Net neutrality is VITAL to the broad public interest. The private interests of certain ISPs are secondary. They are clever and resourceful people. They will do just fine with an open and free internet. And given the fact that you exist to serve the broad public interest first, you are ethically bound to deeply discount all the whining and crying about how they are suffering under the burden of having to serve their customer's interests. The nature of communications technology is that it requires virtual constant expanding of network capacity to accommodate ever increasing demand for communication interconnection. This has been true since the first telegraph wires were strung and is not likely to change anytime soon. They are, in point of fact, common carriers in every reasonable and historical sense of the term. To employ some convoluted Svengali reasoning in order to concoct any other classification of theses ISPs is malicious and deceptive. And does not serve the broad public interest you are tasked with serving. I urge you to take these comments seriously as they represent the views of the vast majority of the citizens of the United States of America.
—Tom Ricks, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a computer technician and need the Internet open and to have every site stay the same speed to do my work.
—Brandon Cosby, Corning, NY

Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gregory Cundiff, Baltimore, MD

Met neutrality is important to me to help keep small businesses in America competitive. I own a small business and use the internet to market, develop, and deliver my services. If net bier reality were to disappear I would be hard pressed to remain competitive, especially against larger businesses.
—Shaun Rodriguez, Shawnee, KS

I grew up with a free and neutral internet and it has allowed me invaluable freedom of knowledge and pleasure. To give away that freedom of future generations to benefit corporations and money making should be beyond acceptable. A free internet has allowed citizens around the world to voice opposition to government and rise in protest of corruption. Limiting that freedom is an incredibly dangerous and slippery slope. Please do not let this pass under your nose. I understand certain people in power are bought and paid for by corporations with a vested interest in this matter. This should not be legal, but it is. It still doesn't make it right. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We must take a stand against greed and corruption. Protect net neutrality.
—Amie Sanchez, Houston, TX

People in America have the first amendment to say whatever it is on their minds. By you changing the internet we will not longer have access to anything or anyone who does not fit in with the agenda. Simply, put them on the slow track and maybe people will not hang around long enough to view their pages or maybe the pages will not come up at all. We want Net Neutrality. We demand Net Neutrality! WE DO NOT WANT TO BE CENSORED!!!
—Carol Schofield, Wilm, DE

Ending Net Neutrality is brilliant... It gives the plutocracy a way to censor ideas, simply by controlling the bandwidth and making the "fringe" use the bandwidth that's left over. End this charade and stop negotiations over this idea. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Unless you're really proud of your legacy destroying the First Amendment.
—Tyson Gustus, San Diego, CA

Do something for the common good fer chrissakes. ONCE. It won't hurt, I promise. Make the Internet an example of how we should all strive to treat each other: as equals.
—Mr. Chad Dailey, Wahoo, NE

Leave the Internet alone.
—Sim Shambeau, gilbert, AZ

I want our net neutrality protected! NO Tom Wheeler.... Ban your idea!
—Cheryl Finlayson, santa fe, NM

You're plan to make the internet pay-to-play is either woefully misguided or unflinchingly corrupt, I can't decide which is worse. The only way to keep the internet the wonderful place it is, is to classify it as a communication service.
—Alex Dres, Sacramento, CA

International law relegates things like finances, trade, and immigration. In each of these cases, there are guidelines, and places to go to look up exactly what the rules and regulations are. The global internet is by nature an intangible concept. Trying to impose rules, regulations and laws upon it sound good, but only ends up restricting people, and cornering them into potentially dangerous situations. Net neutrality keeps everyone safe, keeps global markets moving, and allows for open, clear communication across international lines. Within the U.S., the internet is a great leveler. It is the one place where people actually have equal footing with one another, regardless of financial pull outside of the net. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Keep net neutrality.
—Katherine Howe-Moore, Novi, MI

Net neutrality is important to me because I am a senior (age 82) and use the internet a lot and people like me will be left out if only a few big corporations are allowed to dominate the airwaves and you know very well they will raise the prices and it will soon be dominated by big money and squeeze the little guy out. This is not what Democracy is about. Listen to the people! Laura Gulovsen eandl157@sbcglobal.net
—Laura Gulovsen, Ventura, CA

Please allow for the internet to remain an open source to communicate freely among the population.
—Eric Watson, american fork, UT

All users of the internet should be assured a level playing field when it comes to the super affluent versus the semi-learned, as all should be able to use the service, no matter what their income or education.
—Carrol, Columbia, MS

Net neutrality is essential for promoting competition among ISPs. It is also necessary in a world in which most people use the internet for the majority of their shopping, communications, banking, entertainment, and even education. Without net neutrality, you will be condemning the poor, and even the middle class, to second class, less desirable access to the internet. ISPs will be able to raise prices, throttle speeds, and stifle the economy, because whether you want to accept it or not, without access to affordable internet, the younger generation will not spend nearly as much money on products. The younger generation has grown up with internet at their fingertips, and the majority of these individuals do 90% of their shopping online and at least half of their socializing. These people want instant access to entertainment, to socialization, and they aren't willing to drive to the mall just to shop. Nearly no one writes and mails handwritten letters anymore. Everyone sends an email. People go to Netflix or Amazon instant downloads to purchase and view movies. People buy and download electronic books rather than driving to the bookstore. You truly need to consider the impact on the economy that losing net neutrality will have.
—Allison Diffey, Long Beach, MS

Net neutrality is important to not just me, but for up and coming business as well. Having the flow of the internet be slowed or blocked by ISPs is a detriment to many people and most notably to those in the realm of online business. Having the looming threat of the ISPs while people are trying to get an online business started is ubsurd. Those people would have to worry about their job security among other things. All this may not be happening now, but the fact that there isn't a law in place protecting against such a thing is deeply worrying. The internet is important to the way we live today and having this control and freedom taken away from us or constantly having to worry about it is a horrible and very avoidable thing if Net Neutrality were to come back. Please, don't take the freedom of the internet away from us.
—Justin Harris, Opelika, AL

Chairman Wheeler, please do not end net neutrality. It would be a travesty to allow the nation who created the internet to stunt its growth and innovation in such a catastrophic way.
—Kristen Killian, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Net Neutrality needs to stay. A two-tiered internet system is unfair to everyone, the internet should be free and common knowledge for all.
—Katelyn, smyrna, GA

Net Neutrality is of paramount importance in order to give each and every content maker and internet user equal access and to prevent the internet from being a toll road. It's 2014, and the internet is an absolute necessity, and one we should protect as a free open network where every website can be treated equally. I ask you, as an American, to flat-out reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eric Brad, celebration, FL

As the internet becomes, more and more, a central feature of our society, network neutrality has become vitally important for our democracy and for a vibrant competitive economy. In our political life, net neutrality insures that a variety of points of view are heard, independent of how wealthy their proponents are. In our economy, net neutrality levels the playing field and allows small companies to challenge entrenched and wealthy corporations. For many of these reasons President Obama supported net neutrality in both his campaigns. The proposed new rules amount to a corporate takeover of the internet. Please reject these rules and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Paul Patton, Bloomington, IN

A slow lane and fast lane already exists, people pay for higher speed bandwidth all the time, adding more rules is a terrible idea and your only hurting yourselves. The rest of the world isn't stupid, they know this is just a scam to get money because cable companies don't want to compete, and if you think otherwise then you're lying to yourself and don't even know it.
—Amanda Rosko, Ottawa,

The internet was founded on the idea of a level playing field -- giving corporations the ability to pay for faster service, and thereby slow down service for everyone else, will cripple the internet and cripple free speech.
—Matthew Wheeland, Alameda, CA

Please please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not attempt to fix what isn't broken, which will break it in the process. Keep the internet neutral.
—Antoine Demian, Culver city, CA

Net Neutrality has allowed our nation to make leaps and bounds in progress. If net neutrality had not existed before this point, major companies and players in business today wouldn't have existed. I cannot understand why on earth it would make any kind of sense to divide the net. Please make the internet a common carrier and do the right thing. I don't know any of you, and I don't know your motives, but I can tell you that I do know this is the right thing to do.

—Tedd Johnson, Irvine, CA

The Web is the only place on earth with true freedom anymore. If you take that away, you'll have your hands full. Voting is a powerful thing. So is the money we spend.

—Matthew Warren, Janesville, WI

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because in a country already ruled by enormous monopolies and service providers who basically give little to no service, phone or internet, it is important to keep these massive corporations from screwing over the people of america. Please overturn the current rules on the "two lane internet" it is absolute bull and will only result in ISP's charging more and more money for the same crappy service. Please classify them as common carriers and make sure they understand that net neutrality applies to them. Thank you.

—Charles Kuentzel, carthage, MO

Information should not go to the highest bidder. So, if the FCC lets companies charge whatever they can get, it will stop many Americans from affording access to the Network and then information. Keep the Network neutral! Larry Antila

—Larry R. Antila, San Francisco, CA

I don't want corporate greed, such as that of Comcast to hinder my internet experience.

—Nicholas Miller, Ypsilanti, MI

I very much oppose your plan to compromise Net Neutrality. I view the internet as part of the public domain. Those with power and wealth already have used such to an egregious extent. PLEASE reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers and preserve equal access for all of us who rely on it. I STRONGLY encourage you to reconsider this ill-advised position. Thanks for your consideration. Mark F. Roller, M.D.

—M D. Mark F. Roller, SEATTLE, WA

These corporations should not dictate anything other than what kind of service they provide. ISPs need to be common carriers. This is necessary.

—R Wright, Williamsburg, VA

Net neutrality helps small and medium businesses and promotes ethnic, religious and non profits success through equal access.

—Michael Harvey, Virginia, MN

The Internet is the great equalizer of information and access. Please vote with your conscience. The works doesn't need more filthy rich communications companies... It needs equality. Thank you.

—Miranda Fisk, Hinesburg, VT

If it's not broke, Don't fix it!. The internet is a great place as of now, you can go places and learn things like never before. There's money $$ being made hand over fist and everyone including the goverment is getting their fair share. Allowing a 2 teir system will completely ruin an allready great invention that allows our children to learn and grow and experience places they may never experience in real life. please don't fix it.

—Gil Kerns, sherwood, AR

web site access discrimination means end of internet to me. I will would just simply close my subscription.
—Pierre-HenriTroller, Paris,

Net neutrality is important in maintaining the status quo because without distraction the population might start to notice that the current system is not working for the majority of Americans. This realization could create major difficulties for the movers, shakers and power brokers of our system of governance in maintaining their position and authority over the people. Creating pay "lanes" of the Internet will lessen the current level of ease to distraction Americans currently enjoy, and people might start to read even perhaps become interested in topics other than the latest Netflix content. What baffles me is that the decision to end net neutrality goes against every other major form of public control currently in place which has brought the persons within this country's power structure to the lofty unchallenged position where they are today. A distracted population is easy to govern and control. In my lifetime I have seen a breakdown in efficiency of the U.S. Government; if it is this challenging to govern over a weak and distracted population, imagine the difficulties that will be presented if people started paying attention! Lawmakers are concerned with creating another profit base for the telecommunications industry while our country is grappling with, among other great concerns, extreme levels of unemployment, the fatigue of being at war for decades, a crumbling infrastructure, a drought affecting a major food producing area, and a greater divide in educational measurements compared to other countries. If the population starts to notice that the government only really works for the groups who finance political parties and elections while dismissing the effects of ignored problems that directly effect most of the population then the current government and industry power structure could collapse which would leave the elite few at the mercy of the many. Lawmakers, for your own sakes as the elite of our society, please do not interrupt the people's access to Kevin Spacy political dramas, questionable news sources, and funny looking cats; it could irreparably change today's America!
—N Hillhouse, Concord, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it preserves the ability for startups, small companies, nonprofits, and individuals to compete fairly against large corporations in the battle for web traffic and business.
—Julie Herrick, Santa Ana, CA

We can't put everything up for sale. Accessibility to the internet is available to all of us equally.
—Mercedes Barnek, Red Bank, NJ

The internet has proven time and again that a free internet is the most effective way to bring social and political change to people governed by repressive governments. As our "new world" changes have turned good paying - manufacturing jobs into low paying "service sector" work the most hopeful signs of a resurging middle class may be found in the global market place of a free internet. Where an economy of scale can allow people to provide services or products that are considered "niche" markets - too small to engage a larger company - but perfect for the the new internet entrepreneurs. A 2 tiered system plays into the hands of the new multinational world we live in now. Where most of the worlds business is conducted by and between a few players - who are not structured to provide real work and vibrant communities - but to register profit at any and all costs. If it is decided that a two tier internet is what the future will look like the costs to our country and its citizens will be huge - and when people feel displaced and ignored - civil disobedience, unrest, and far worse things are more likely to happen. Who benefits from a two tiered system? The economic players who are already are making billions of dollars a year. Please vote for the future of the little guy, the mom and pop enterprise - the folks who make up "the real world" - America became great because it has historically been a place where hard work and vision allowed anyone to become successful. Please vote for the future of all our citizens - not just the financial interests of a few. Please vote for net neutrality!
—Elizabeth Macdonald, Durango, CO

A plan that allows rampant discrimination online is not serving the people.
—Winnie Durdant-Hollamby, forest row,

Dear FCC, If you are a federal institution... You should be abiding by American Values and our Constitution. Keep Net Neutrality. -Anthony Ryan Magro
—Anthony, Patchogue, NY

I don't want ISPs to control what I can see or stifle innovation. They should be regulated as common carriers. Please rethink these rules.
—Vince Della Fera, Shawnee on Delaware, PA

Come on we need this! This is our only medium where we can be free from government and corporations. It's the people's only chance of uninhibited expression and freedom from control. You are in an extraordinary position of power. Obviously it behooves the government to control the internet, but why don't you guys start to act righteously this time. For once, instead of focusing on maintaining order and power through controlling the masses, relinquish power and trust the people with it. Don't fuck the internet!
—Connor DiGregorio, Argyle, TX

Please keep the Internet neutral. A two-tiered Internet will impede the free market and hurt our American economy!
—Patrick Brennan, Macon, GA

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Information should NOT be restricted to those who can afford it!
—Dawn Simas, West Greenwich, RI

Keep the net free for everyone. Do not create a two tiered system.
—M Bartoshek, Huntsville, TX

Net Neutrality must be protected! The balance has been tipped too far toward those who can pay the highest price. Enough is Enough. Small businesses who depend on the internet for their public relations and publicity should not be priced out of the market. The 0.1% have already taken more than their share of the pie. We don't need government agencies to continue to make policies that take from the middle class in ever higher fees and give to the very wealthy individuals and corporations.
—Dale Thompson, HUNTSVILLE, OH

In the long run, more money stands to be made with an open internet. More people doing more means more money flowing through more hands. In addition to that, encouraging an equal internet is the best hope we have of rebecoming the cultural epicenter of the world.
—Zachary Wolford, Frederick, MD

Keep the internet neutral because it's the right thing to do !
—John Egan, Colorado Springs, CO

Corporations should not be able to buy service that's any faster than nonprofit organizations and news outlets. Internet Service Providers should be common carriers, not services that provide faster service to the highest bidders.
—Lucinda Holt, Highland Park, NJ

Dear FCC, You have a lot of power to affect a lot of people for a long time. Please use your intelligence and integrity to make the right decision to benefit the citizens you work for! Thanks for your service, ted
—Ted Lowe, wheaton, IL

Net neutrality does not only benefit the less fortunate, it also benefits the entire community. It allows for uncountable opportunities of growth not only educational, social and economical, it also strengthens relationships trough out the globe, facilitates the interchange of ideas, hopes and dreams without prejudice. Letting companies decide who gets faster connection, choosing who and what gets to be seen or explore, violating privacy rules by "tailoring" information to particular set of consumers, that is a big problem a problem that is better be resolve now when it is manageable. Do not give away the only tool in place that protects the neutrality of the internet.
—Nuria Fajardo, Palmdale, CA

The internet is a utility now. It should be treated like water and electricity.
—C Benoit, Campbell, CA

Net Neutrality provides a level field for Commerce and information on the Internet. This is essential to preserve the future of innovation the Internet provides.
—Matthew Kantelis, San Jose, CA

The very structure and thesis of the Internet as a global entity requires that all traffic be treated equally, regardless of content type or origination. Any attempt to alter that balance will have a negative effect for the economy as a whole and every tech company reliant on the Internet to conduct business.
—Sam Machiz, New York, NY

Regulate the expansion of consumer direct Internet and open entrepreneurial opportunities as well. THE WEB IS FOR ALL!
—Jannie Dorsey, Hyde Park, MA

Please reclassify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS!
—Ben, Riga,

Our future depends on this.
—Hugh D. Lester, Weehawken, NJ

Ending Net Neutrality will just cause more law suits, and hold sites hostage. The biggest deal will be start up companies that truly innovate might not get through the front door, as their site will be slower unless they pay to have it faster, and people do not want to sit and wait, even 1/5 of a second matters to people. What will happen when the next facebook comes up, and has all these awesome features, but loads much slower than facebook? Nothing will change, no one will innovate.
—James Shaddix, Union Grove, AL

We have been stripped of even our basic rights as citizens by this administration. We've already went through TWO campaigns where we were in the dark completely because YOU allowed it to happen. Personally I think we the people should be suing YOU. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should a one sided view be allowed. You give news sources special protections and privileges their news should be neutral but of course with all the corruption with the administration and FCC it isn't. We need it wide OPEN. If not why even bother to stay in the USA?
—Betty Wood, Atwater, CA

The Rich get Richer and the Poor get Poorer?! Im absolutely outraged that yet another "American Freedom" may be taken away... Do what is RIGHT and JUST of the Land of the FREE! FCC- throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!! #NetNeutraility #Freedom
—Kayla Counoyer, Webster, MA

The 2 tiered system is not the way to go. I am an internet user and demand net neutrality!!
—Jo Wahdan, Roseville, CA

Selling internet speed and access to the highest bidder is wrong, and unfair to the citizens of our country. This is just more proof that the FCC has been taken over by a corporate insider, Wheeler and is being sold off to his friends in the media business. Shame on everyone involved in this.
—Cheri Jones, Jacksonville, FL

You should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew Oliver, Norwood, MA